

## GOD'S PROMISE

Joel 2:23, 28

Zech. 10:1

Psa. 104:16a

John 14:16

John 15:26

John 16:13

John 7:38

Luke 24:49

Acts 1:8

Acts 2:4

Acts 8:17

Acts 10:44, 46

Acts 19:6

James 5:7

Ezek. 47:1

Zech. 14:8

Rev. 22:1

## GOD'S COMMAND

Luke 24:49

Eph. 5:18

*"... Upon this  
rock I will build  
my church; and  
the gates of hell  
shall not prevail  
against it." Matt.  
16:18*



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# Notices

## Attention, Evangelists and Exhorters

As previously requested, we ask that all evangelists (male and female) send their 1945 license to the General Secretary with your next reports. Kindly give on same your address, also the place of your membership, so they will be sent to the right state overseer, whose duty it is to sign your 1946 license and mail to you.

Exhorters should send their papers to their respective state overseers.

Please give this your prompt attention, as the license which you now hold expires December 31, 1945.

John C. Jernigan,  
General Overseer.

## Foreign Conventions

Northwestern Mexico Convention, Ciudad Obregon, January 17-20, 1946.  
Jamaica, Kingston, February 6-10, 1946.

Bahamas, Nassau, February 28-March 3, 1946.

Puerto Rico, May 27-June 2, 1946.

For further information concerning the island conventions, write to Rev. Carl J. Hughes, superintendent of the West Indies, c/o Rev. C. E. French, Barrio Obrero Station, P. O. Box 4282, Santurce, Puerto Rico. We shall announce the conventions for Southern Mexico and Central America soon.—*Foreign Missions Department.*

**WANTED AT ONCE:** A good evangelist who can work in churches, also new fields. We are also in need of a good pastor. If interested, please send reference from your pastor or overseer.—Rev. W. H. Henry, state overseer of Iowa, 3507 Fourth St., Des Moines, Iowa, or call 3-3605 collect.

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Rev. and Mrs. Everette H. Bragg, widely-known evangelists, are open for revivals. Old address: Box K, Monclo, W. Va. New address: Allen Junction, W. Va.—E. H. Bragg.

I am now in the ministry full time. Anyone wishing to get in touch with

me, just drop me a card.—Clarence Wood, Rt. 1, Silver Creek, Ga.

I am in the evangelistic work this year and am ready for calls. I will go most anywhere.—Fred Allen, c/o Bill Wheeler, Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.

## The Church of God on the Air

Young People's Gospel Service, over Station WFMD, Frederick, Md. Each Saturday from 4:30-5:00 p. m. Rev. George A. Harne in charge, Smithsburg, Md.

## DEATHS

### ISHMAN

Mrs. Helen Ishman, a faithful member and clerk and treasurer of the Church of God at Knox Dale, Pa., passed away August 5, 1945.—Mrs. Vera Wolfe, Box 67, Knox Dale, Pa.

### CRIBB

In memory of Brother Robert Cribb, a faithful member and clerk of the Church of God at Hamer, S. C., who departed this life to be with Jesus October 11, 1945; age sixty-six years.—Luther Bethea, clerk; C. L. Edwards, pastor, Hamer, S. C.

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# REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

## PRAY FOR—

The Lord to heal me of rheumatism, I suffer so much and I can hardly walk; my son who has T.B. and rock dust from the mines on his lungs to be healed and saved.—Mrs. Laura Comer, Rt. 1, Box 30-F, Beckley, W. Va.

The Lord to heal me of heart, kidney, and gall bladder trouble, I suffer all the time.—Mrs. Flossie Little, Dennis Star Rt., Weatherford, Tex.

My husband and me to be healed, he has a ruptured side and low blood pressure and I have a bronchial cough.—Louisa Porter, 404 8th St., Easley, S. C.

My little granddaughter to be healed of kidney trouble; my little nephew to be healed and that he will be able to walk and talk; the healing of my side which has hurt me since July; very special request.—Mrs. Blonnie Adams, Gen. Del., Duncan, Ariz.

The Lord to heal me of heart and stomach trouble.—B. L. Poston, Lake City, S. C.

The healing of my body, I do not know the trouble but God does.—Mrs. Dailey, Rt. 1, Greenback, Tenn.

The healing of my body; my son-in-law who is wrecking his home with drink. Encouragement appreciated.—

Susie Hodges, Eckman, W. Va.

The Lord to heal me of a goitre, it bothers me night and day, I am only eighteen years of age. Encouragement appreciated.—Ruth Merritt, Rt. 4, Elizabethton, Tenn.

The Lord to heal me of T. B., I know He will heal.—Mrs. Georgia Hargrove, State Sanatorium, Lloyd Bldg., Mt. Vernon, Mo.

The Lord to heal me, I had something like a nervous breakdown, and I have a goitre in my throat.—Mrs. Ethel Hall, 411 Walnut St., Lindale, Ga.

The Lord to heal my body, I am in the state hospital. Encouragement will be appreciated.—Bessie Markin, Box 338, Clarinda, Iowa.

The healing of my body, I have a fallen stomach and nervous indigestion, I know the Lord can heal but my faith is weak, I have to stay in bed almost all the time with my feet higher than my head. Everything I eat hurts me, and I am so nervous all time. I have been in this condition about two years and unless God undertakes I know I can't live. My companion and lost sisters.—Mrs.

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# Much for Which To Be Thankful

By John C. Jernigan  
General Overseer

Both nations and individuals have much on this Thanksgiving Day for which to be grateful to God. Today is so different from last Thanksgiving Day. Following is a quotation from our Thanksgiving message given in the Evangel last year:

"We are living in a day when the world is gripped in war, and sorrows fill the hearts of millions. There is pain and bloodshed such as the world never before knew. Every minute of the day there are thousands screaming in agony and pain of both soul and body, but the saddest picture is men dying unprepared to meet God. Most every individual in the United States has a loved one across the sea, fighting on one of the world's battlefronts, and sad news of 'missing in action,' or 'killed in action' is coming every day to mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters. With all these sorrows added to our other grief, it is hard to understand how anyone could be happy. But amidst our sorrows and heartaches we have a feeling of thanksgiving way down deep in our hearts."

The above quotation describes the conditions last Thanksgiving Day. But since then peace has been declared; the great armies have laid down their arms, and peace has returned to the earth again.

Many young men who were away from home last year, in "the thick of battle," will spend Thanksgiving Day at home this year.

Everything is not as pleasant as we would like for it to be, but compared with conditions one year ago, it is wonderful; and I know that each true Christian has a heart full of thanks and praise to God that war and bloodshed have ceased. America is probably the happiest nation on earth, and should be. We have more for which to be happy. We have fought a bloody, hard war and thousands of our young men fell on the battlefield, but our enemies' bombs never came near us, and our churches, schools, and homes are still standing. While we are grateful and thankful in our hearts for the victory, let us not forget that there are many other good Christian people in the unfortunate nations, whose

homes and personal property have been destroyed, and much of their country lies in ruins, with starvation and suffering facing them during the coming cold winter. Therefore, while we are thanking God for victory and peace, let us breathe a prayer to God for the poor, unfortunate peoples of the earth.

After their first harvest in "free America" the Pilgrims set apart a day to give thanks unto God for the way He had blessed them with a bountiful harvest. They did not have modern homes, nice clothes, fine automobiles, and other luxuries of life; but dwelt in crude cabins and lived, what we would consider today, a very hard life. Yet they feared and served God with pure hearts and were very grateful to Him for His blessings of both spiritual and material things.

When we think of our beautiful America at peace with all the other nations of the earth; strong and mighty in arms, and blessed with laws which protect religious worship, giving every man the right to follow the dictates of his own conscience; a nation filled with churches, pulpits, and preachers, with Christian lights beam-

ing forth their radiance; schools in every town and community, with good teachers paid from public funds; nice, modern homes, equipped with modern electrical appliances and other luxurious things to make life easy and happy, why should we not be thankful! May we all humble ourselves in thanksgiving, prayer, and gratitude to our heavenly Father for all the blessings of life which He has so richly bestowed upon us, as a nation and as individuals.

We should be thankful to God, as a Church. We should thank God for the many thousands of new members added to the Church of God since last Thanksgiving Day; for the many new ministers and new churches that God has given us; for the many new and modern church houses God has helped us to build; also the comfortable parsonages, as well as other material things that He has made possible, to help us in carrying on His work here in this world. And while we are thankful for the material things, we are indeed grateful for the tens of thousands of souls God has saved at Church of God altars within the last twelve months. In the homeland and in foreign countries, during the past twelve months, there have been well over fifty thousand souls saved under the ministry of Church of God preachers, for which let us thank and praise God. Then let us work harder that we may have more for which to praise Him on next Thanksgiving Day.

## Don't Forget the Orphans

Christmas Is Near

Our needs at this time are still great on account of the high prices of every thing. Many people write in for lists of names and ages of children in the Home, in order to buy presents and treats for them at Christmas time. Below we are sending you all their names and ages. If you have a friend that you think would be interested in having this list, drop us a card giving their name and address and we shall gladly mail them a copy of this issue of the Evangel.

With best wishes we are:

The Church of God Orphanage,  
J. A. Muncy, Superintendent.

### Boys in the Home

Name	Age
1. Raymond Lee Adkins	8
2. Wm. A. Arnold	11

3. Bobby Joe Bishop	10
4. Clyde Calvin Bishop	13
5. Holden Jerry Bishop	3
6. Larry Bishop	6
7. Earnest Jerome Blaylock	8
8. Melvin Blaylock	6
9. Thomas Blaylock	10
10. Wallace Blaylock	13
11. Floyd Brown	9
12. Ed Brown	11
13. Buster Coggins	12
14. Virgil Coggins	3
15. Charles Coker	9
16. Lamar Coker	11
17. W. T. Coker	14
18. Bobby Cromer	7
19. Ralph Cromer	14
20. Haviours Crowder	10
21. Aaron Curtis	15
22. Joe Curtis	7

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# RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

## War's Death Toll

To put 11,500,000 men under arms, of which 250 to 260,000 were killed and 1,000,000 wounded, cost us \$350,000,000,000. It is estimated to have cost the world 55,000,000 casualties and a trillion dollars.

## Spiritual Mobilization, Inc.

A report by RNS from Los Angeles states that Spiritual Mobilization, Inc., now has 1,731 clergymen from nineteen denominations and a membership of more than two million members. Dr. James W. Filfield, Jr., organizer and national director, stated that, "Spiritual Mobilization's basic pledge, which is signed by all members, reads as follows: 'Recognizing the anti-Christian and anti-American trends toward pagan State-ism in America, I covenant to oppose them in all my areas of influence. I will use every opportunity to champion basic freedom, free pulpit, free speech, free enterprise, free press, and free assembly.'"

## Nazis Turn to Religion

A report given by Bishop Hans Meiser stated that, "Reports from prison and labor camps are astounding," the bishop said. "Imprisoned Nazis attend divine services by the thousands. In one camp S. S. men collected 11,000 marks for orphans. They eagerly participate in the Sacrament. Recently I received wine and 10,000 pieces of bread from the military government for one and one-half million prisoners. It will not be sufficient."

Explaining why the Nazis are embracing religion, Bishop Meiser said: "These men have been accustomed to the best of everything under the Hitler regime. They were Hitler's pampered darlings. In exchange for their loyalty to him, Hitler gave them much and promised them more. They soon became accustomed to unbounded faith in the Fuhrer. Now they have nothing but barbed wire fences and hard labor.

"The result is they turn to Christ like drowning men reaching for a straw. They have been deserted by everyone and everything except the Church."—R. N. S.

## Budnez Forsakes Communism

Louis F. Budnez, President of the Daily Worker, a Communist publication, has denounced Communism "as aiming at tyranny over the human spirit."

## Benefits of Suffering

Chaplain James E. Davis, former pastor of Fort Pierce, South Dakota, Congregational Church, entered the chaplaincy in 1939 and took into captivity of the Japanese when Guam was occupied, said: "My experience as a prisoner of war has had its compensations. Appreciation for the good things of life now come easily. Getting along well with people seems a simpler matter following the exigencies of prison life. I find optimism an integral part of my make-up. Above all, my faith in God is stronger than ever. I was able to carry on religious work during prison life."

Trials burn out our human nature, wisdom becomes dominant through the chastening of suffering and we become more appreciable and agreeable to the common benefits of life. Just as physical suffering purifies our congested physical life many times, making those so affected stronger and better in every way, suffering in soul enriches us to a nobler and finer conception of life and the things that make up life around us.

## Eyewitness Account of Crucifixion

Now reports that, "According to *International News Service*, the London Daily Herald said that what is believed to be an actual eyewitness account of the death of Christ had been discovered by Arabs digging in the foundations of a house outside Jerusalem.

"Described by the chief archeologist of the Hebrew University at Jerusalem as of 'most important discovery,' the Greek writings were believed the work of a family of Jewish disciples who stood among the multitude on Calvary.

"A bitter and moving lamentation, the account probably was written within a few weeks of the crucifixion. It was encased in four stone coffins in a vault within the house, which lies along the road to Bethlehem."

## Reassuring Marriage

J. E. Harris, writing in *Sunday School Times*, speaking of "one wise minister," said, "The final question this minister asks is this: Are you willing to forsake personal freedom and comfort for the responsibility of rearing children? If not, it is questionable if one has the quality of love needed for a happy, successful, and Christian wedded life. The One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Psalm says, 'Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord,' and views the coming of little ones into a home as a blessing of God. But some people today consider the bearing and rearing of children a bane rather than a blessing, and resort to questionable devices to escape the burden. But we must get the Bible slant on this matter if we want to build a Christian home. The love that makes for happy and enriching wedded life takes in a willingness to raise a family."

## The Way to Health and Happiness

"Eat less, wear less, scold less, worry less, talk less, preach less, practice more.

"Chew more, walk more, sleep more, smile more, read more, think more, and you will live longer and be much happier while you live.

"And the interesting thing about these suggestions is this: They cost much less money. If they were all expensive plans or extravagant ideas, you would probably adopt them, pay the price, and call the advice cheap at any cost."—*Holiness Christian Messenger*.

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# THANKSGIVING

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*"Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation,"* Psa. 69:19.

Thanksgiving is a duty, a privilege, and a blessing. When we take time to review the past, we certainly can see that this verse in the Psalms describes a true picture of today. He has loaded us with benefits untold by man's vocabulary. We are living on the good of the land supplied by His bountiful hand.

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus," Phil. 4:19. And the verse in Psalms said, "Daily loadeth us with benefits." Then we take it that God is loading us day by day with the necessities of life and we in turn should day by day remember this, and in turn give thanks to Him who gives such consideration to His creation.

Some experience may be more necessary at times than some material things we feel we have need of, and when that is the case, it would be another benefit. In Psa. 119:62 David said, "At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments." The Lord knows what is most needed, and we should always give thanks because He so carefully considers our need, and we are assured of this in His Word.

To many Thanksgiving Day possibly is just another holiday, but I am persuaded that if we could have had the privilege of an interview with the Pilgrim Fathers, we would have discovered sincerity of heart and mind, and should I say faith as well prevailed. They had encountered some difficulties before coming to the New World, but this was a different circumstance. There had been much sacrifice and suffering, anxiety, dangers, dark days, some sickness, and death, but they were aware that God had helped them through the year, provided for them the things to sustain life, therefore a sincere Thanksgiving, a special day as a memorial, and so we have a Thanksgiving Day. Do we not see a picture of some of these benefits today? Just a few moments of reflection and maybe our hearts will begin to overflow with gratitude and thanksgiving. Our nation has survived a terrible war, and in the midst of it all the people of this country have had food and clothing, schools, churches,

and business enterprises still functioning. The sacrifices have been far heavier in many countries than in ours; our families, our homes, our cities, our country as a whole was spared the destruction wrought by the gods of war, famine, and pestilence. Many are the families that are saddened because one or more loved ones will never return, many have returned halt and maimed, some to the basket ward, some to the institution for the insanity, but, in spite of all of this, we find in Psa. 92:1, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most high." In Eph. 5:20 Paul said, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." We should thank God for the victory in this great conflict, that we are not in bondage to such a people as those with whom we have been at war. We are duty bound to thank God for this, also to thank our leaders who had the knowledge and skill to plan such strategy to defeat the enemy, and to thank the men who carried out the strategy, and again to thank those who continued the production line that others might be able to carry out the program to win the war. Many are the debts that will take generations to liquidate, but God be thanked who gave us the victory.

The debt of all debts that man is unable to pay, was paid by the Son of God. In spite of every other thing that can be made to interfere with the life and happiness of humanity, Jesus paid the debt of sin and set us free by His Spirit, that we may ever live happily, after we believe on Him and accept Him and enthrone Him in our lives. The leper returned to give Him thanks. He fell down on his face at the feet of Jesus, giving Him thanks, while there were others that forgot to give thanks. How true is that a picture of today, many forget to thank Him. While Paul was on his way to Rome, some of the brethren met him out at Appii Forum, and he thanked God and took courage. Some more benefits God was loading him with as He does us today. Many encouragements are offered to us as we journey toward heaven. Let us thank God and take courage. Some things that try us and make us better Christians, let us thank God for

them also, and in everything give thanks.

As a nation, a church, or just an individual, we should have every day a day of thanksgiving. We are living in a land where we can worship the Lord as we so desire, and, to a great extent, a land of free speech and free press. In 2 Thess. 1:3 Paul said, "We are bound to give thanks"; in other words, God has done so much for us we will be compelled to offer Him thanks, for all things and always.

We have many lessons of thanksgiving but may not emphasize all of them. Then let us look at two of them. "One man soweth and another reapeth." How true it is that the present generation lives by the efforts and achievements of past generations! The home, the church, the school, the nation—we did not build these institutions, we inherited them. The steamship, the telephone, the automobile, the radio, medicine, Bach's music—we did not create these blessings, we inherited them. The Bible, Shakespeare, Dickens, Emerson—we did not write these books, we inherited them. We today reap the rich harvest sown by those who have gone before us.

Almost invariably these things have been won for us by tremendous effort and sacrifice. They are never to be taken for granted. Sometimes we take our church as a matter of course, as though it had come to us easily. The church is here today because people before us have suffered and died to preserve and increase it. Our Christian inheritance has been bought for us with a price, and when we say "price" we hardly realize what that price was. Besides all the suffering and sacrificing on the part of those who have preceded us, there is the suffering of the Son of God in the Garden of Gethsemane and on the Cross of Calvary, all that we might be privileged to enjoy the blessings of a Christian life here and cherish the hope of everlasting life in the end.

The second lesson follows logically from the first; "Without us they can not be made perfect." Those who have gone before are counting on us to carry on their work. Jesus said, "Occupy till I come." We should be a thanksgiving people because of such  
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# WORLD-WIDE BIBLE READING THANKSGIVING TO CHRISTMAS

November 28, St. John 1

## A Selection

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

November 29, 1 Timothy 2

## A Selection

"I exhort therefore, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not,) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity. I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting."

November 30, James 1

## A Selection

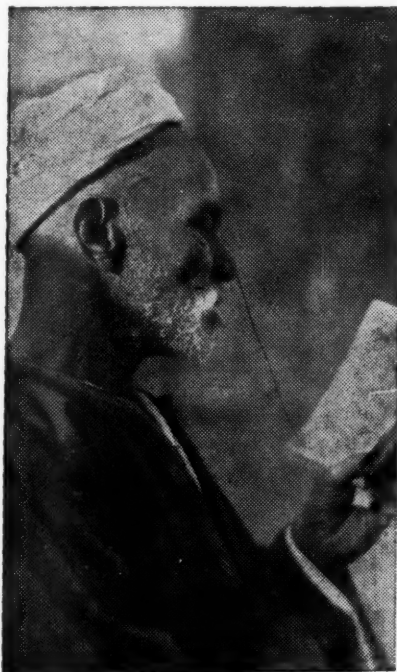
"James, a servant of God and of the

Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering: for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways."

December 1, Ephesians 6

## A Selection

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."



December 2, 1 Cor. 13

## Favorite chapter of

Admiral Sir Andrew B. Cunningham,  
G.C.B., D.S.O.

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

December 3, Psalm 24

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein: For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle."

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# The Supreme Acquisition, or the Conquest of Knowledge

Note: This article is a self-explanatory admonition to the youth of the Church, by a U. S. Army Air Force soldier stationed somewhere in India, the leading thought being "Education the Key to Wisdom."—*The Author.*

After spending several months in a country utterly devoid of the wisdom of the present-day civilization, the majority of the population being also without any apparent knowledge whatsoever of the usefulness of mechanical inventions for the aid of mankind, whose curse is to "earn his bread by the sweat of his brow"; I realize not only my own shortcomings, but that of thousands of other young people in the world, concerning our conquest of knowledge. I feel that it is high time we read the present-day handwriting on the wall, and "awake from our slumbers, and delve into our studies, thereby preparing ourselves more fully as citizens of democracy for tomorrow, but moreso as overseers of the work of Christ.

As a text we will choose 2 Timothy 2:15. In the majority of cases this is used only in conjunction with the study of God's Word, but if you will notice carefully there are no limitations as to what we should study. Timothy is, and likewise we are, admonished to "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." He does, however, in the two following verses, tell us what to shun.

The Holy Scripture is to us what the formula is to the mathematician, but the formula is valueless unless he has the factors of the problem. Likewise we must learn the problems of the world before applying the formula of God's Word. This can only be ascertained if we obtain a thorough knowledge of all factors of life, including a working knowledge of the various professions.

Why was it that Christ spoke of fishermen, shepherds, laborers in a vineyard, seed sowers, judges, stewards, householders, and carpenters? Was it because the hours spent in His father's carpenter shop and in the little village were not squandered? He did not accept absorption as some of us do today, with someone's advice plastered on the outside, but He sought absorption. He sagaciously consumed the time in prep-

By Corporal Albert D. Hall

aration before the dove descended upon Him.

Today our nation offers more opportunity than ever before in history and no other nation is comparable to its advantages. Some states provide free textbooks, and some colleges and high schools provide a program where one can work part-time to defray expenses, trade schools where one may apprentice himself to prepare for future social security, night schools, correspondence courses, etc. Our Government has recently instigated the G.I. Bill of Rights, one clause permitting Armed Forces personnel, upon discharge, to complete their education or trade school training, expenses paid and an auxiliary subsistence allowance of \$50 a month or \$75, if one is married. Nothing but sheer laziness or total lack of will power can deny us our badly needed knowledge.

The schools of today are the greatest institutions in history for the furtherance of wisdom. Some people surmise that a school is only for boys, and pin the old crepe on the girls by saying, "It doesn't take an education to rock the cradle." For the formula to this we will go to Gen. 2:18, where God states that He will make a helpmeet for man. Therefore, God intended for woman to be man's compeer and if she is to be able to meet him as his helper, she must qualify herself accordingly. If you still insist on using the former statement, I can counter-attack with "It took education to put rockers on the cradle," which should balance considerably more weight on the subject; but definitely it does take wisdom, the key to which is education, to feed our cradles as God didn't create them self-subsisting.

Simultaneously we run into a subsidiary argument, that education of today is too expensive and not like the three R's of the past. This is direct contradiction of some of the curriculums of the aforementioned institutions. The wise man of the Old Testament tells us in Prov. 4:7 that the supreme acquisition is "Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding." His later given formula in Prov. 23:23, "Buy the truth and sell it not; also wisdom and instruction

and understanding." So there goes your argument. "Buy instruction." What else is the small tuition fee for education, but the purchase of instruction whose solution is understanding and wisdom?

Some say "live and learn" or "experience is the best teacher," and launch out in the ministry or other professions on this foundation. Partially I agree as even Elihu said in his reproval of Job's false comforters, Job 32:7, "I said, Days should speak and multitude of years should teach wisdom," but notice he used the auxiliary "should"; he DID NOT say it would! I found the answer to this in a recent wit magazine, the statement, "Everything comes to him who waits; among other things, death." Even the first word of our text, "STUDY," annihilates the "wait and hope" argument and admonishes us to seek something more tangible. Quoting a statement by Goethe, "There is nothing more terrible than energetic ignorance." This thought, I'm sure, should be carefully contemplated by any individual who is entering not only the ministry but any profession.

In conclusion, I would like to give two self-explanatory statements: "Learning without politeness makes a disagreeable pendant, and politeness without learning makes a superficial frivolous puppy." — *Chesterfield.* "Learning in one man's hand is a sceptre; in another's, a bauble." — *Michel de Montaigne.* These are highly applicable to the students of the ministry, so let us, the youth of the Church, equip ourselves with the sceptre of knowledge in one hand and wield mightily the sword of the gospel with the other.

## Revival

DIVIDING RIDGE, Tenn.—We closed a two weeks' revival at the Dividing Ridge Church of God Sunday night, September 30, in which seven were saved, six sanctified, five baptized with the Holy Ghost, three baptized in water, and three added to the Church. We thank God for this revival and the souls that were blessed. The revival was conducted by the pastor and his workers. Pray for us. We thank God for all the good members and friends of this church.—Cordell Ellis, pastor, Rt. 2, Soddy, Tenn.

# IS HOLINESS RIGHT?

MRS. WALTER A. DAUGHDRILL

How often this question comes into the minds of honest-hearted people today who are trying to serve the true and living God. I pondered much over this question a little more than three years ago. I thank God for stirring my heart and mind so much that I had to continually take it to the Lord in prayer. It disturbed the peace that Satan tried to keep in my heart, that I needed no deeper experience in the Lord Jesus Christ. But, praise God, no matter how hard Satan works to deceive us, that blessed Holy Spirit of Christ WILL work and none can hinder, if we will only let Him. And now I know WITHOUT A DOUBT that holiness is right, for God's Word teaches us if we lack wisdom, to ask it of God and He will not give us a stone if we ask for bread. Some will argue and doubt, but all who will believe that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him will have no doubts.

Paul says, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." He also said, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which WE have preached unto you, let him be accursed."

Many, many preachers today are preaching only a part of this glorious gospel of the kingdom and are well satisfied with themselves, but listen, ask yourselves, all who are trying to obey the divine call of God, "Is my Master satisfied with me?" or "Am I preaching the full gospel that Peter, Paul, and others preached after they were endued with power from on high?" for the command is to His disciples today as when Christ told the first ones to tarry until they be endued with power from on high.

Now let's get our Bibles and see what gospel Paul and Peter preached. Turn to Acts 10:44-48. We find here where Peter was preaching to Cornelius and kinsmen, and many that were come together, and while he yet spake these words the Holy Ghost fell on all of them which heard the Word, and they of the circumcision were astonished because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the Holy Ghost. How did they know they had the Holy Ghost? They heard them speak with tongues. In the next chapter Peter tells us that that crowd re-

ceived the Holy Ghost "as well as we." Who did Peter mean when he said "we"? See Acts 1. Here we find the disciples, Mary, the mother of Jesus, and others (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty). Acts 2:4 tells us they were ALL filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. What gave utterance? The Spirit. St. John 15:26, 27 tells us that when the Holy Ghost or Comforter is come, He shall testify, and YE ALSO shall bear witness. Then let's find Acts 19:1-7. Paul came to Ephesus and found certain disciples who had been converted under Apollos' preaching. Apollos knew only the baptism of John. Acts 18:25. Paul asked these certain disciples, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" They said they had not heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. They told him they had been baptized unto John's baptism. Paul told them that John baptized with the baptism of repentance, and verse 8 says that when Paul laid his hands on them the Holy Ghost came on them and they spake with tongues. God's precious Word proves to us in many places that Paul was a real holiness preacher.

In 1 Cor. 14:18 Paul said, "I thank my God I speak with tongues more than ye all." In verse 39 he tells the people to forbid not to speak with tongues. Holiness fighters will quote verse 19 where Paul said he had rather speak five words with his understanding than ten thousand in an unknown tongue. Why? That by his voice he might teach others also. Paul was trying to show the people that the GIFT of prophecy was greater than gift of tongues, "EXCEPT ye interpret," so the church could understand. He was talking to the Corinthian Church of God and they who had the Holy Ghost spoke with tongues but all did not have the gift of tongues. You see there are nine spiritual gifts. 1 Cor. 12:7-11. Some say, "Why, Paul was well educated and had learned different languages." But listen, he knew what he was saying when he talked in the languages he learned at school, but he says in 1 Cor. 14:14, "If I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth but MY understanding is UNFRUITFUL." So he said he would pray with the Spirit and

with the understanding also. Hallelujah! Dear readers, it is a glorious thing to be able to pray with the Spirit and with the understanding also, for the Spirit knoweth our needs better than we do. So often when we get on our knees to pray and have such burdens on our hearts, we hardly know what to pray for. The blessed Holy Ghost takes possession of our tongues and makes intercession to God for us. Oh, praise God forever for filling me with heaven's sweet Holy Ghost.

Again I'll mention the spiritual gifts. We find the nine mentioned in 1 Cor. 12:7-11. I asked a nominal preacher once, who was fighting holiness, what the spiritual gifts were. He said, "Well, some can pray, some sing, some preach, some testify, and I'd call those spiritual gifts." Listen, brother, sinners can do these things. Many hypocrites are doing those things today. But a spiritual gift is something that only the Spirit can do. Paul told the church to come behind in no gift. He was talking to the Church of God at Corinth. If the church has a member who has the gift of tongues, it is very necessary for the gift of interpretation to be there also. I used to wonder why Paul said he was not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation, but I have found that the world is ashamed of this mighty power from God that quickens these mortal bodies of ours and causes us to speak in tongues. Pride! Oh, what is there for a human to be so filled with pride over, if the blessed Spirit of Christ is not in him?

Some will say, "Why, you can't be holy here on earth for Jesus said, 'There is none good but one and that is God.'" He did say that, and WE can not be good except the Spirit of God be in us. Jesus also said, Luke 6:45, "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good." Psa. 112:5 says, "A good man sheweth favor and lendeth." Psa. 37:23 says, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." People say there are none righteous. Paul did say that, in Rom. 3:10, but read farther and see whom Paul was talking to. Jesus said, "I came not to call the RIGHTEOUS but sinners to repentance," 1 Peter 4:18. "If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the sinner and un-

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# Is There a Literal Hell?

REV. FLOYD D. CAREY

Here we have an old question that has been troubling some people that are prone to question the Bible. Some say there is no hell, that we are gone forever if we are not true to God, we just pass out of the picture. Others say we are exterminated in the lake of fire, that we burn for just a short while or until we are consumed by the flames. Still others say that God is just and would not cast His children into the lake of fire, that all were created by Him and no one, therefore, would be eligible to be cast into the lake of fire.

1 John 3:10 tells us that you can only be a child of God, or of the devil. If you are a child of God, it will be manifest in your life; you will bear fruit that will prove beyond a shadow of a doubt exactly where you belong. Rev. 20:14 seems to imply that hell will be in the lake of fire where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched. We find that the beast and false prophets, after one thousand years in the lake of fire, are not consumed. When the devil is cast in the lake of fire where he will spend one thousand years, then all the wicked at the judgment shall have their part in the lake of fire. Rev. 20:10, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power," Rev. 20:6.

Who will be in hell? Well, there will be that nice next-door neighbor of yours who had such a beautiful home and swell dances, teas, bridge parties, necking parties, and that affair with another man which was hushed up. It will not be hushed up now. There will be that patriotic woman who left her children at home alone and did her part, all right, to help the country win the war, but here she is in hell and all her children screaming in her ears, "O Mother, why did you not send us to Sunday School that we might have escaped this awful place?" The mother will perhaps be praying but it will do no good, for God is not on the mercy seat now but on the judgment seat. He is not dispensing mercy now but judgment. You want justice. Well, you will surely get it. There was a time you could have had mercy. Now you have justice. "Well, well, who is this? Deacon, what are you doing here? I thought you were

the pillar of the church." "I was the physical pillar. The secret drinks and things I indulged in were hidden from the pastor, but God had a record of everything I ever did. I was weighed in the balances and found wanting." Here is another member of our church, who paid his tithes and was very regular in attendance. "What on earth are you doing here?" "I wanted my way in everything and pouted if I did not get it, and the poor old pastor would have to come and pet me ever so often. I was just plain unfaithful." He will be faithful to the task he has to do then. "This man riding the crest of the wave of flames, crying, 'I am now preaching the truth.' That looks like our old pastor; but surely it cannot be a preacher. Yes, it is he, and the multitudes that you see behind him are other preachers who have failed to preach the truth to the people. Why I thought he preached out of the same Bible that every other preached from." "True, but he omitted that which did not please him or would offend some of his best members. He is the one that told you a little sin would not bar you from heaven, as you were in the flesh and

God put all things here for you to enjoy. He is the one that advocated movies for the growing children to better their minds. Some of them saw lewd pictures portraying sex life and were led into debauchery. Others taught boys to carry guns and rob. He is preaching the truth now but the time is past when the truth will make you free." "Who is that man running so fast? It seems as if he never stops." "That's old Can't Get to Sunday School on Time. He would drag around and lie about, read the funny papers to his children and always drag in about thirty or forty minutes late." "Why does he keep running to and fro?" "This is the place where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched. No sir, that worm (his memory) will never die. He will be in remembrance of each and every act of his life here in this awful place of torment." "Well, here is a fine looking man. He was the most intelligent member of the church." "That is Mr. Don't Feel So Well. He did not go unless the weather was just so and he felt tops."

Dear friends, there is only one way to escape—the shed blood of Jesus. Accept Him now while He is on the mercy seat. Present your bodies a sacrifice to Him, ALIVE, now, Rom. 12:1, and be secure.

## Weightier Matters

REV. T. O. DENNIS

*Text, Matt. 23:23, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."*

All scripture is good. It is given by inspiration of God and is profitable. 2 Tim. 3:16. But some scriptures have much more weight than others. In this world crises of slaughter and bloodshed, when thousands of souls are rushed out to meet God, it behooves us to consider the weightier matters. Tithing is God's financial plan before the law (Gen. 28:20-22), under the law (Mal. 3:8), and after the law (1 Cor. 16:2). It was approved by Christ (text). I pay my tithes and preach tithing occasionally, but never do I remember anyone being saved

when I preached on tithing. It has been said, "If you don't pay your tithes you will go to hell." But tithing alone won't save you. There are weightier matters. Soda water and coca-cola are very familiar texts of light weight. Some preachers must preach on these and chewing gum about twice a month, and never go to the pulpit without mentioning tobacco. They think you haven't preached except you give the moving pictures a round and insult half the congregation by preaching about ladies' dresses and face paint. Which is worth the most, the dress or the soul? Which will it do the most good to preach on? The chances are if you preach on the dress, the soul will get colder; if you preach on the soul, the dress will get longer. Paul said, "I am determined not to know anything

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## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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Grace Stowe, 38½ D. St., Anderson, S. C.

The healing of my husband of an afflicted limb, he has carried the affliction for years and now he is in bed.—Mrs. M. C. Mitchell, Gen. Del., Pampa, Tex.

The Lord to heal my body.—R. G. Rackley, Shannon, Ga.

The Lord to heal me of twin goitres, one on the inside of my throat and the other on the outside, I have had this goitre six years.—Elizabeth Carson, Rt. 1, Rockfield, Ky.

God to undertake in my home; the healing of my body of neuritis and nervousness. — Mrs. Mamie Snider, Walhalla, S. C.

The healing of Sister Rhyburn and Sister Gentry.—A. R. Willingham, pastor, Bauxite, Ark.

God to undertake for me and help me have a home where I can serve Him. Encouragement appreciated.—Lizzie A. Rice, Box 745, Tallulah, La.

The complete healing of my body; my sister who is in very bad health.—Pearl Querry, Searcy, Ark.

My mother who is very ill in Columbus, Ga., to be healed; my husband and me.—Mrs. B. M. Holland, Rt. 4, Box 70-A, Live Oak, Fla.

A very urgent unspoken request.—A family from Harrison, Ohio.

My daughter who has something wrong with her right arm to be healed, she may have to have an operation; very urgent request.—Mrs. Jesse Higginbotham, Sr., Dixiana, Ala.

The healing of my body, I am very weak and feel bad in my body.—P. W. Hackney, Blountsville, Ala.

The Lord to heal me, I am afflicted with arthritis; my mother to be healed.—Pauline Goodman, Sophia, W. Va.

The healing of my son who has had a complete nervous breakdown; Sister Elizabeth Burke's son who is in the hospital in a serious condition.—Mrs. Cora McCoy, Matewan, W. Va.

The healing of Mrs. Roy Brehm, 839 N. Mitchell St., Cadillac, Mich., also that she will see the light on salvation; very urgent request; my brother-in-law who was wounded in North Africa to be saved and healed.—Mrs. G. F. Crank, 841 N. Mitchell St., Cadillac, Mich.

The saving and healing of my brother in Kentucky, the doctors have given him up; God to undertake for my mother; my husband and chil-

dren.—Mrs. Florence Siler, Apopka, Fla.

God to undertake for my husband — Pansy Beasley, Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla.

The healing of my body, I have been sick a year. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Ray Whitaker, 201 Donovan St., Vidalia, Ga.

The healing of our little girl, she has trouble with her tonsils, she is swollen all over. I know God is able — Sister Zella Taylor, Rt. 1, Brownfield, Tex.

The healing of my body, I have heart trouble and a bad throat trouble, I have trusted the Lord for nineteen years.—Mrs. G. D. Wimberley, Star St., Houston, Miss.

God to undertake for my wife, our children, and me.—Paul Trivett, Rt. 2, Box 86, Columbia, S. C.

The healing of my body, the doctor says I have cancer.—Mrs. Bessie Piatt, 734 Garden Plaza, Orlando, Fla.

God to undertake for my husband; my home and me.—Mrs. A. D. Dangier, Lakeland, Ga.

My body to be healed; unspoken request.—Mrs. L. W. Rodriguez, Rt. 1, Box B, Folsom, La.

My wife, children and me that the Lord will undertake for us, we all need to get back to the Lord.—George McKann, Hydes, Md.

The healing of Sister Emma Ellidge, that she may receive her eyesight back; my two sons in Service.—Oma Smith, Ferndale, Fla.

My wife who is seriously ill with heart trouble.—Clarence Denson, Wilmington, Del.

My son-in-law who is in the hospital seriously injured, he was struck in the head with a large limb.—Mrs. Clarence Umbarger, Nebo, Va.

The healing of my shoulder, it has hurt me about ten months; the healing of my daughter's body; my children.—Elizabeth Hickman, Kingsport, Tenn.

The Lord to heal me of nervousness, I have just about lost the use of my right side, my arm and leg, I also have high blood pressure; the healing of my brother who is sick.—Victoria Boyd, Murphy, Va.

God to undertake for my son-in-law, daughter and their children; my son in Japan.—A worried mother.

The Lord to heal me of asthma, I suffer so much; my children.—Mrs. Viola Jones, Rt. 3, Box 38, Gadsden, Ala.

God to heal me, I am bedfast, have heart trouble, rheumatism, kidney and nervous trouble and dislocated vertebra. My suffering is terrific but I know the Lord can heal me and I mean to trust Him or die in the faith.—Sister I. E. Barron, 411 W. Green Street, Carlsbad, N. Mex.

The healing of my body of something like rheumatism, I can hardly walk at times; my son on his way to China that the Lord will care for him; my son at Nauvoo, Ala., who has some kind of spells, the doctor says there is nothing he can do for him; another son at Lynn, Ala., that the Lord will heal him of a head and stomach trouble; the healing of my sister of cancer.—Sarah Swindle, Golden, Miss.

God to undertake for my father, he was once a Christian and surely needs the Lord in his life now; the healing of my mother who is seriously ill, she had a serious operation and is slowly getting worse.—Mrs. B. J. Lamonte, Rt. 2, Box 281-A, Turtle Creek, Pa.

God to heal little Ernestine Merritt, she has been in bed two weeks.—Her grandmother, Mrs. R. F. Holley, Box 37, Ferndale, Fla.

The healing of Sister Ethel Eslick who has an ulcer on her limb which has been there for several years; my companion to be healed, he has been sick since October 14; Brother John Manning to be healed, he had his ankle broken eighteen years ago and it is a running ulcer, but he has much faith and is looking to the Lord for complete healing.—Rev. Pearl Mobley, Chickasha, Okla.

The Lord to heal me of nervous trouble which hinders me.—Marion Frazier, Hope, Ky.

Me to be healed, I am in bad health.—Mrs. L. V. McCain, Vicksburg, Miss.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. G. W. Morgan, Rt. 1, Box 104, Foxworth, Miss.

The complete healing of my body; my husband.—Mrs. Fannie Smith, Rt. 3, Box 38, Gadsden, Ala.

The Lord to heal my body, also my husband.—Mrs. John Dellinger, Pinkney Station, Gastonia, N. C.

My sister, Mrs. Joe Wilson, 913 Madison, St. Louis, Mo., to be healed of sinus trouble, bad nerves and bad eyes. She will appreciate encouragement.—Mrs. Zyepher Davis, Troy, Tenn.

My brother, Edward Long, Rt. 11, Box 660, Phoenix, Ariz., who has T. B.—Beulah Long, East Dayton, Ohio.

## WORLD-WIDE BIBLE READINGS

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Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

December 4, Hebrews 11

### A Selection

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

"And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goat skins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented: (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

### Encouragement Appreciated

A few weeks past I put a request in the Evangel for prayer for my little girl. I have been home so I just received many good letters, papers and tracts from all over the U. S. A.

As I will not be able to write all of you good people, I want to thank you through the Evangel. My little

girl is much better. My wife, who has been sick, is much better also.

Please continue to pray for both of them.—Pvt. W. T. Johnson, 39870520, Co. A., 5th Tng. Bn., BTS., Fort Lewis, Wash.

### Promise of Victory Fulfilled

The Church of God at 42 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., is beginning to enjoy the fulfillment of God's promise of victory.

Since Rev. J. G. Hall accepted the pastorate, the attendance at Sunday School has increased from a previous record of seventeen to that of fifty-three.

The midweek evening Bible study is growing in numbers and in interest through an objective method of teaching which is portrayed by character scenes on a Bible chart and depicts the world from its creation to the present day, and covering prophecies of the future. The context is supported and confirmed by texts in various parts of the Scriptures. The chart is a unique device little known in

"The City of Churches"—Brooklyn, N. Y. The Bible class is attended by ministers of other denominations.

Pastor Hall has proven his ability in "ways and means" by procuring contributions from other sources than "expenses of the church." He has, without aid, remodeled, redecorated, and improved the parsonage. This work involves plastering, painting, roofing, plumbing, and electrical work. A large new range, linoleum, and fluorescent lights have been installed in the kitchen of the parsonage. All these installments have been paid for by independent contributions.

Pastor Hall has enjoyed liberty in his operations under Rev. C. Blankenship, our new overseer, New York State and New Jersey.

There is a movement under way to broadcast Pastor Hall's Bible teaching. —A member, G. Cole, 14 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

It matters not what you lose if you save your soul; it matters not what you save if you lose it.



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# Reports from the Field

## Working Together in Love

**SOUTH CLEVELAND, Tenn.**—I praise God for what He is doing for the Church of God here in South Cleveland, Tenn. It is wonderful how He is blessing us in many different ways. I truly thank God for our pastor, Brother J. A. Bixler. He is a wonderful man of God. I feel that God is leading him and that he is leading us into greater and better things. In order for any church to make very much progress it requires a leader who is not afraid to step out by faith on the promises of God and let the world know that there is a God still on the throne. Praise God, I can feel His presence now.

Brother Bixler has been with us about fourteen months and under his leadership and by the help of our wonderful Willing Workers' Band we have bought a beautiful six-room parsonage and furnished it, and almost have it paid for, and we are nearing the completion of a beautiful concrete block and brick veneer church on South Ocoee Street.

We also praise God for those who are being saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. After all, we do not want to forget that soul-saving is our greatest mission in this world. There are those who would try to find fault with us for building nice church houses. They say we are trying to be too fine, but I feel that the house of God should be the most beautiful house in the world, and the most costly. We will never be able to build a house for God as beautiful and costly as the temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem.

"How beautiful and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." We are working together in love and fellowship and backing our pastor with our prayers and what other means we have, and, praise God, we are moving forward and building God a house, for we have a mind to work. Pray for us.—M. C. Stevison, clerk.

## History! History! History!

Yes, history was in the making for district No. 1; namely, Wilmington, N. C., district, on the night of October 8. Answering to the call for a district fellowship meeting, we gathered for business and a time of worship. Did

God bless? Well, you ought to have been there!

Gathering for a short business session, the ministers of the district met with our district pastor, Brother V. D. Combs, and our assistant state overseer, Brother George Lemons. One of the ministers on the district, Brother Bruce McLendon, was missed and we trust that by this time he is well and on his feet again. We are looking forward to seeing you at our next fellowship meeting.

Brother Smith, of Wilmington, was selected as district Y.P.E. and Sunday School leader. We are looking forward to having him in our Y.P.E. service and desire his help and suggestions for a bigger and better Y.P.E. Every pastor present reported good services, souls being blessed and building programs on. Watch the Wilmington district grow for God.

The evening devotional and special singing was good. An offering was taken for missions, for which we are thankful. We are looking for better offerings as we work for God.

Brother George Lemons, assistant state overseer, delivered a timely message, "Walking With God"—timely because it is the greatest need of the day, a closer and more consecrated walk with God. Our hearts were made to feel closer drawn to God, and glad, as minute by minute Brother Lemons gave more and more hard knocks to Satan and his flimsy ideas. Do we need modernism, quiet meetings, fancier singing, etc., to have God's presence? NO, just walking with God will suffice, if we adhere to the Word and obey. We were made to appreciate the blood as we listened further to the message. Brother Lemons, we invite you to come be with us again and give us more of the good Word of God.—Reporter, Sophia Petrucelli.

## The Lord Answered Prayer

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, many thanks for your prayers for my son, Myun. He was wonderfully saved several weeks before he passed away. After all, his experience was a blessing to many of his unsaved friends and the Lord was really present at his funeral.

We should be sure to remember all

prayer requests in the Evangel each week.—Evan. Bertha G. Shideler, 313 S. Brittain Ave., Muncie, Ind.

October 25, 1945  
85 Valenguela  
Manila, P. I.

Dear Evangel Readers, I have read your paper and feel led to write to you so that you may pray for me, that the Holy Spirit may baptize me, so that I may have more power to live a life for Christ.

I had been saved by the Lord for many years already, but it was not until recently that the Lord led me to this precious truth.

By the grace of God I have finished my college career (dentistry) but I always believed that if the Lord could raise the dead and heal the sick He can give third dentition, which is not taught in dental science. I always believed that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever.

The Lord bless you in your Evangel work.—A Chinese boy, a sinner saved by His grace, Antonio Sy Cip.

Dear Friends:

This letter was written by a Chinese boy and he would like all the Christians to pray for him that he will receive the Holy Ghost. I gave him some of the Evangelists and he liked them. He says the Lord has called him to preach but he said he could not preach without the Holy Ghost, and that is true. I am a Church of God boy, of Franklin, N. C.—Pfc. Jake O. Williams.

**KINGSPORT, Tenn.**—We praise the Lord for the revival just closed; we thank Him for His many blessings, thankful that He is still blessing and saving lost men and women. We praise Him for those precious souls who prayed through to old-time salvation in the revival, in the old-time way. The Holy Ghost and fire came down in our presence, messages were given out, and the altar would fill with seekers. There were twenty-two saved, six sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, two added to the church, and four to be baptized in water. Brother Barney Trent was the evangelist; he was a blessing to our church.

We praise God for our good pastor, Rev. W. C. King, and his good wife. I am still feasting on the good message that Brother King brought Sunday morning on the Baptism of the Holy

Ghost. His message was so soul-stirring until it held the saints spell-bound. Thank God that there are a few preachers who are not afraid to preach the Word and old-time holiness. We are expecting God to do great things for us this year. Pray for us.—C. J. Jessie.

### Pressing On

Dear Saints and Friends Everywhere, greetings to you in the name of our Lord.

Last night while on my way back to camp from service which I had attended, as I looked through the Evangel that I had just received and read some of the inspiring testimonies, I also began to feel impressed to write a testimony for the glory of God.

I truly thank my Savior for complete victory in my soul over sin and for the determination that I feel to press on for Him. Glory to God! It is so wonderful to know and to serve a God who can answer our prayers and stand by us in the time of need and to feel the blessed comfort of the Holy Ghost in our life. Praise the Lord forever.

The Lord has just taken me through a very serious operation and I truly thank Him for His blessed presence. The captain who did my operation said that I had a very interesting case, but I was doing fine. I know that it would have been much harder in myself, but Jesus has seen me through. Although I am not completely strong again, yet God is still healing me and everything is going at a very rapid rate, praise God!

The Lord has also delivered me from overseas shipments twice, for which I praise Him. He has made me a blessing here and at the near-by churches, it has done me so much good to be able to preach a few times and see souls in the altar seeking God.

I desire the prayers of the saints everywhere that I will be faithful and press on unto the end. I realize that we have only a very short time left to work for Jesus and I do want to do more for His glory. I need the prayers of all Christian people, and may God bless each of you.—Pvt. Eulos L. Brown, 44037229, Co. A, 59th Med. Tng. Bn., Camp Crowder, Mo.

October 23, 1945  
Honolulu, T. H.

Greetings in Jesus' name. I thank the Lord that today finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the precious

Holy Ghost. God saved me when I was nine years old. As long as I can remember my mother and father taught me to fear God and live according to the Holy Bible. I do thank God for good, Holy-Ghost-filled parents.

Since I came in the Navy the devil has really been working so hard to try to get me to turn back. Since I came to Hawaii I have grown cold, until I found out where the Church of God was, then, brothers and sisters, I went to the church last Sunday night. Brother Hawkins preached a good sermon. The Y.P.E. was good and I really got a new dip of God's love. I feel more like pressing on than ever before. Hallelujah! Oh glory, I feel good, because I know that my name is written in the Lamb's book of life. Praise the Lord.

I have been in the Service nearly seven months and I see so much sin and damnation until it really makes my heart ache, just makes me wish that I could save those precious ones who are on their road to hell. This place over here is as wicked as I've ever seen—people going to hell by the thousands. There are liquor joints nearly every third or fourth store, but I can thank my Redeemer that I have enough grace and power of God that I can pass them up.

The church over here is just a tent, but Brother Hawkins and the members are working and are planning to start a building soon. So, friends, when

you pray, please remember me and the ones over here who are holding up God's blood-stained banner. God bless you.—Mark Miller, S 1-C.

### He Gave Instant Relief

McCORMICK, S. C.—I praise God for His wonderful healing power. One morning about a week ago I was taken with a severe spell of neuralgia. My husband had just left for work and I was alone. Half of my body became numb. I felt like my time here was short. I began to call on the Lord as best I could. I laid the Evangel on my head in Jesus' name and asked Him to heal me if it was His will. I fell asleep and when I awoke all the misery had left, praise His name! I told the Lord I would testify of it if He would heal me. Christian friends, remember me in your prayers that if it be God's will I shall be completely healed.—Mrs. J. B. Young, Rt. 2, McCormick, S. C.

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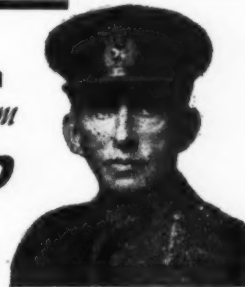
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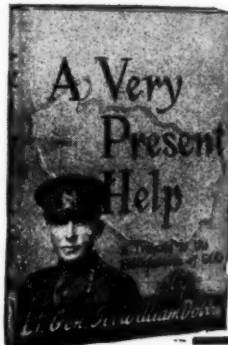
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## IS HOLINESS RIGHT?

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godly appear?" Read Psa. 37:16-40 and see what God's Word tells us about the righteous. Read 1 Peter 3:12 also.

In Phil. 4:9 Paul says, "Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, DO." Now what have we learned that Paul did? Praise God, he spoke in tongues and did make other wonderful things that are peculiar to the world. My first trip to a holiness meeting revealed to me the meaning of 1 Peter 2:9 where we are told that God's people are a peculiar people. When we first hear a crowd or even just one person speaking in tongues and see the mighty power of God shaking and jerking their bodies, it is peculiar to us. In Titus 2:14 we learn that Jesus Christ gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a PECULIAR people, zealous of good works. The dictionary tells us that zealous means inspired with zeal, fervent and eager, and I have found that those who are sanctified or purified by the precious blood of Jesus are earnestly contending for the faith once delivered unto the saints, Jude 3. Faith is believing and Mark 16:17 says, "These signs shall follow them that believe. They shall speak with NEW TONGUES. They shall cast out devils and they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." These are the words of our blessed Savior. And listen, folks, Jesus also said, "Verily I say unto you, He that BELIEVETH on me, the WORKS that I do shall he do also." So it really means something to be a real believer in Jesus Christ. And it behooves us to work while it is day. We cannot obtain all this at once. Isaiah teaches us that little by little, line upon line, here a little and there a little we receive knowledge and understand doctrine. And to do this we must be weaned from the sins of the world; we cannot by just having a FORM of godliness and denying the power thereof. So many church members today profess that they know God, but in works they deny Him. So many receive not the love of the truth and for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie and be damned. 2 Thess. 2:10-13.

O people, let me warn you to be careful, many are going to the judgment deceived. Get on your knees and cry to God for knowledge ACCORDING TO HIS WORD, and LEAN NOT UNTO THINE OWN UNDERSTANDING. What a horrible awakening it is going

to be when Jesus comes and those who are laughing and scoffing at holiness realize that they were too proud to bear the reproach that He told us to go without the camp and bear. Oh, how we should strive to be like Moses, choosing rather to suffer affliction and persecution with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt.

Oh, how I praise God for this glorious way of holiness. It is joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Now for fear I take up too much space I'll give a few references for you to find in your Bible to prove that holiness is right. Gen. 17:1; 1 Peter 1:15; 1 John 3:6, 8, 9; 1 Thess. 4:7; 5:23; Heb. 12:14. Search the Scriptures, meditate both day and night on His Word, pray without ceasing, and taste this glorious salvation.

## THANKSGIVING

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an important work being left us to carry on.

A man was once watching an old umbrella mender at his work. He noticed with what care he pursued his task. The man's curiosity was aroused and he asked the umbrella mender why he was so conscientious, was he afraid that the work might be turned back? "No," said the old man, "few people even take the trouble to see whether the work is well or poorly done." "Then," continued his questioner, "is it because you expect business from the same people in the future?" "No, I never come again to the same town." "Then," asked the man, "what is the explanation? Why are you so conscientious?" And the old man answered, "It is for those who come after me. If I put on shoddy cloth or do bad work, the people will find it out soon and the next mender who comes along will get the cold shoulder or the bulldog."

Shall we not pass on to our succes-

sors a stronger church, a finer nation, better schools and colleges, better business principles, a better world? In no better way can we express our gratitude to those who have preceded us.

Our minds reflect back to the Pilgrim Fathers who came to this country for religious freedom. They had endured hardships in some ways before they came to their new country, and now possibly the hardships will be of some different nature, but their example of sincerity and thankfulness still lives today in the hearts of the American people. In Romans 1:21 we have an example of some who were not thankful, "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." Let us ever give thanks unto God, lest we become vain in our imaginations and our hearts become darkened. Thanksgiving is a duty, also a privilege. In every thing give thanks.

## WEIGHTIER MATTERS

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among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." He didn't preach bobbed hair and short sleeves every day, but after they were saved he said, "Dress as becometh holiness." Philip preached Jesus to the eunuch and he got saved. He did not have to preach water baptism, but the eunuch wanted to be baptized. "These ought ye to have done, and not leave the other undone." Ye have omitted the weightier matters; judgment, mercy, faith. Let's preach judgment to a world of judgment-bound creatures, lost in darkness not knowing whether they go. Preach God's mercy to a sinful people, that without which they have no hope of life. Preach faith without which it is impossible to please God. These are apt to save the soul. "He that winneth souls is wise." There are souls to save, a heaven to gain, a hell to dodge. Don't omit the weightier matters.

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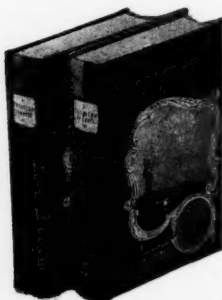
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